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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Ad Hoc Imagery Interpretation Review Group

1. The joint DOD/CIA review of world-wide imagery interpretation resources as directed by you and the Secretary of Defense has been initiated and the preliminary planning and formulation phase has been completed. Team composition has been determined and includes competent, experienced representatives from the CIA, the DIA and the military departments. The joint review of the NPIC has already begun and briefings are scheduled by the CIA and DIA departmental units. A subgroup has been established to devise ways and means to coordinate more effectively the R&D activities in the field of imagery interpretation.

2. I am attaching a copy of the Questionnaire to be forwarded this week to the major imagery interpretation units participating in the survey. It is expected that the Questionnaire will provide a comprehensive all-source basis for our final recommendations to you and the Secretary of Defense and will also provide a timely information base for related follow-on planning actions in the reconnaissance intelligence area. Detailed discussions have been conducted with representatives of the CIA, NPIC, the military departments and the Unified and Specified Commands and it is estimated that they will require at least two months to gather, collate and report the necessary data requested in the Survey Questionnaire. The joint and departmental teams subsequently will develop tasking plans and will make recommendations relating to required resources and their allocation.

3. It is planned to have a final joint report available for your review and approval by 31 May 1966. Items of critical concern or significance that may arise during the course of the survey will be brought to your attention directly. The proposed reporting schedule is fully consistent with Mr. Schultze's letter to you of 23 October 1965 and provides the opportunity to thoroughly examine and coordinate the efforts of imagery interpretation resources in order to ensure their maximum effective utilization and development in satisfying short- and long-term U.S. intelligence needs.

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Attachment: Survey Questionnaire
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